GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:116
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2002
NORMS FOR DEEMED VARSITIES
SUDARSANA E.M. NATCHIAPPAN

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to encourage the expansion of Deemed Universities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the UGC propose to encourage wider university education;

(d) if so, the details in this regard;

(e) whether the Government have constituted a High Level Committee to review norms for the deemed universities; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.116 BY SHRI E. M SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN FOR 26TH NOVEMBER 2002 REGARDING NORMS FOR DEEMED VARSITIES.

(a) & (b) Proposals from the institutions of higher education which are doing work of a high standard in specialised academic fields are considered for granting Deemed to be University status as per the UGC guidelines. There is no proposal regarding number of Deemed Universities.

(c) & (d) UGC proposes to adopt a two-pronged strategy wherein it would like to expand the existing infrastructure and also to converge the conventional and distance modes of higher education.

(e) & (f) Yes, Sir. UGC in September 2002 has constituted a six member High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. K Venkatasubramaniam, Member, Planning Commission to review the UGC guidelines for Deemed Universities.